

PC = Point of Curvature

PI = Point of Intersection of the Extended Tangents

PT = Point of Tangency

Δ = Central Angle or External Deflection Angle

R = Radius of Curve

T = Tangent of Curve

L= Length of Curve (circular arc)

E = External of Curve

M = Mid Ordinate of Curve

LC = Long Chord

$$L = \frac{\Delta R}{57.2958}$$

$$T = R \tan \left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)$$

$$E = R(\sec \left(\frac{\Delta}{2} - I\right) = R \operatorname{exsec}\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)$$

$$M = R(I - \cos \frac{\Delta}{2}) = R \operatorname{vers}\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)$$

$$LC = 2 R \sin \left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)$$

Figure 4-2: Circular Horizontal Curve